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CONCORDIA ESTABLISHES CHAIR IN HINDU STUDIES

A First in North America

MONTREAL / October 26, 1989 -- Concordia University is pleased to announce the establishment of an endowed Chair in Hindu Studies, the first of its kind in North America.

More than \$500,000 in funding for the Chair was provided by Montréal's Indo-Canadian community, led by Dr. M.N.S. Swamy, Honorary Chairperson of the group's fund-raising steering committee, with the support of Concordia Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Patrick Kenniff.

The Chair's inaugural lecture will be delivered by internationally-known Indian author and scholar, Dr. Krishna Sivaraman, on **Friday, November 3, 1989, at 7 p.m., in the Henry F. Hall Building Alumni Auditorium (Room H-110), 1455 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West** in Montréal. **The free lecture, open to the public, is entitled "Whither Hindu Studies."**

The Honorable Gerry Weiner, Secretary of State and Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship -- the special guest at the inauguration -- will make a major announcement concerning the Chair.

Newly appointed to the Chair, Dr. Sivaraman is the author of numerous books and articles. His most recent publication is a two-volume work on Hindu spirituality entitled Vedas Through Vedanta and The Widening Circle.

After obtaining a Ph.D. in Philosophy at India's Banaras Hindu University, Dr. Sivaraman was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard University. His distinguished teaching career has spanned five decades.